## STRANGER THAN FICTION

## AND FAR LESS CREDIBLE

Two Remarkable Accidents That Happened in North Carolina-Negro and Bundle of Bed Springs-Lady Swallows Shoe Buttoner and Lives.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
GREENSBORO, N. C. Aug. 8.—In this moving, stirring modern life, the innumerable serious or fatal accidents one escapes, are more a cause for wondr than thos which rally occur. Only last week two occurred within fifty feet of this office, of them in view of the writer, their indirect consequences being more values than the direct.

MEWS OF NORTHUMBERLAND Marriage of Mr. Mozingo and Miss

In E. M. Andrew's furniture store, the colored porter was opening up a shipment of bed springs, which, for space saving, hed been tightly corder. The bundle was ating the basement stairs or

and Mr. Hundley, chief clerk, down to enjoy a cool melon, lust sat down on the bottom ander said, what with the sinder ava-nche of the negro below and the racket tumbling furniture above. I thought at another earthquake had struck eensboro." The porter went home uping that night, and was so shocked

ady's life being providentially saved.

It all goes to show that at least, we

#### Children in Burning House.

LEAKSVILLE, N. C., Aug. 9.-Thursay night at 10:30 o'clock the house of

the Leaksville cotton-mills, got one finger cut off this morning by machinery

### FOUR GENERATIONS.

Re narkable Reunion at "Beechenbrook"

and Norma ages seventeen and fifteen mr. E. D. Priddy, of Richmond. The other sons are Messrs. Lawrence Priddy. of New York City; R. Edgar Priddy, of Richmond; and Cadet Walter M. Priddy, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

This family has been especially blessed in that there has never been a serious condition to-day.

Vanlandingham-Taking Holiday.

It has become a custom here for a larg-majority of the people to quit work dur-ing August and have a good time. Many d the entire month at protracted neetings, while others visit the nearby nummer resorts. The young folks find

and hathing along the shores of the eautiful Potomac. Rev. G. W. Beale is speding some time er Westmoreland county, where conducting some revival ser

to suspend operations for the month of August for the reason that laborers caninduced to work this month. But until the protrected meetings close about

Miss L. S. Deshields, of this town, is

Baltimore on Friday last.

Mrs. McDonald, of Washington, D. C.,

arrived in town on Monday last and is visiting at the home of Hon. L. T. Smith.

Mrs. Hughes, of Washington, is visiting at H. C. Rowe's here.

#### Amelia Crops Doing Well.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) OLGA, VA., Aug. 9.—Since my last let refreshing showers have fallen and of the early crop upon upland is y cut short. Of course there will many ears where none would have

been somewhat interfered with, and Booker's pavilion, hitherto so gay, has

(By Associated Press.) STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN. STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, Aug. 3.-While King Oscar was yachting to-day

#### Madame Janauschek's Illness (By Associated Press.)

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 9.-Madame Janauschek, the actress, who was stricken with paralysis, is in a critical

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# TRACY'S RECORD FOK

Solders, Police, and Bloodhounds on His Trail.

DEFIED CAPTURE TO LAST.

Oregon State Penitentiary at Salem, Killing Three Guards-After Two Months He Kills Himself.

ed without cessation for fifty-eight days and extended over the greater part of two States.

Since June 9th last Tracy, hunted by Indian trackers, bloodhounds, hundreds of authorized officers of the law, the State troops of Washington, and unnumbered volunteer bands of vigilantes, with a price on his head that amounted to a fortune, traveled over about fifteen hundred miles of wild country and defied capture to the last.

From the moment of his daring escape from the Oregon State penitentiary to his last stand in the swamps of Lincoln county, near the eastern border of Washington, he killed six officers of the law, slew his fellow fugitive, David Merrill, in a duel fought while men and

Merrill, in a duel fought while men and hounds were on his heels, wounded near-ity a dozen other officers of pursuing par-ties, and terrorized the people of two

Living on the country he passed, Tracy rode down stolen horses without number, robbed farmers of food, clothing, and money needed for his flight; crossed and recrossed rivers, hiding when he could and fighting when too hard pressed. Six times he shot his way through pursuing parties which surrounded him and struggled on in his desperate race against death for liberty.

JAMES EXPLOITS PALE.

The criminal exploits of Frank and Jessee James, the Younger brothers, Murrel and all the horde of desperate outlaws of the West pale besides the deter-

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on the west pair besides the desired in the oregon convict. On the morning of June 9th, Tracy, hen serving a sentence of twenty years mprisonment for robbery and shooting the original pair of the pair of the pair of the original pair of the

ed by his fellow-criminal, David Merrill, who was serving a term of thirteen years for compilicity in the robbery of which Tracy was convicted.

That there was aid for the two desperate men from the outside is certain, for on the morning of the day of their escape, two repeating rifles were left in the jail corridors, where Tracy and Merrill easily could reach them as they marched with the other prisoners from their cells to their day's work.

Tracy believed all along that Merrill, who first was arrested for the robberies they both committed, at Portland in February, 1899, had betrayed him to the officers of the law, but nevertheless he consented to plot with Merrill to break prison, and their plans were carefully

dider and escaped over the wall, stop-ing long enough to return the fire di-ceted at them, a third shot from Tracy's fife killing Guard S. B. T. Jones. Then rifle killing Guard S. B. T. Jones. Then the excaping desperadoes made a rush for the prison outer gate, where they encountered two other guards, wifom they made prisoners, meaning to keep them as hostages should the other guards not cease firing.

BOTH ESCAPED.

The latter, however, kept up the hall

hen both escared.
Twenty guards from the prison were
nt in pursuit and from that beginning
ew the famous clase which closed
ith so dramatic setting.
Eluding their pursuers, the two outws captured an involuntary host, J. W.
cewart, whom they made exchange
othes with them, and also pressed into

after having spent a comfortable night and been well fed, the fugitives stole two horses from another Salem resident and started for the north.

On the second day of the pursuit blood-hounds were pressed into service and the chase grew hot. Within a day there was set on the heads of the fugitive pair a price of \$8,000. Neither of the bandits was heard of for some days, till at a relace called Gervais they further altered their attire by robbing a man named Roberts of his clothing.

A cordon of several hundred men were thrown around Ge.vals, but Tracy and his companion easily broke through after an interchange of shots. The fugitives next were heard of six days after the escape on June 15th, when they held up a boatman and compeled him to row them across the Columbia river. The impressed boatman landed the runaway convicts in Washington near Vancouver, formely the home of Merrill, where they undoubtedly expected to find friends and shelter.

BLOODHOUNDS USED AGAIN.

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BLOODHOUNDS USED AGAIN. Again bloodhounds were put on the Again bloodhounds were put on the trail, but, as before, the outlaws threw tne dogs off the scent by taking to the water of the swamps and doubling back on the trail. It was at this point in the man hunt that another victim fell, this time one of the pursuing party being shot by his own friends in mistake for one of the outlaws.

While the pursuit still was making a dragnet search through the swamps, the fugitives, traveling with incredible swiftness, made their way one hundred miles north to the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which connects Portland with Purset Sound.

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At this point in the flight Tracy and Merrill were known to have been together, but when Tracy next was heard of he was alone and in 'the close neighborhood of Olympia. A few days later the dead body of Merrill was found further back on the trail with a bullet wound in his back.

After this discovery, the facts of the killing of Merrill came out in the boasting of Tracy, who said he had killed him as he had suspected Merrill of having betrayed him at Portland. They had agreed, he said, to a duel, the strange conditions of which showed in a striking manner the nature of the outlaw.

According to Tracy the quarrel arose over the fact that Merrill was rated as his equal in newspaper report of the escape and flight, and as he held Merrill to be the inferior, they had come to words and agreed to fight. They were to wark back to back, a certain number of paces and the turn and fire, but Tracy, fearing treachery on Merrill's part, stopped short of the agreed number of stens, and turning, deliberately shot the other in the back.

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HELD UP FISHING PARTY.
At Olympia Tracy visited a fi At Olympia Tracy visited a fishing camp in the neighborhood and heid up the camp, making five men prisoners and pressing into his service a naphtha launch which lay at anchor there, leaving two of his prisoners tied up on the shore while the others were compelled to man the launch and take him out toward Tacoma. The launch crew gave the alarm as soon as he denarted and Tracy within a few hours was trailed to a clump of timber.

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The sheriff of the county, Edward Cudhee a noted man-hunter, was absent, but his chief deputy, "Jack" Williams, took up the pursuit and with a posse surrounded Tracy's retreat, only to, have the outlaw slip through his fingers after having added one more murder to his list by the killing of Detective Frank Raymond and the wounding of Williams himself.

When Track renewed his flight blood-

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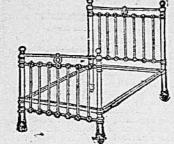


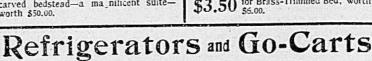
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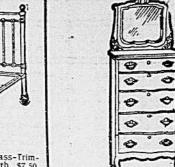


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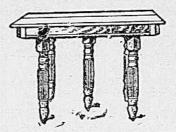
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the crafty outlaw had provided himself with red pepper and this he strewed over the ground as he passed with the result that the does had their noses filled with pepper and were thrown off the

racy was run to earth on July 10th i thicket near Covington on Green River

tracy had submitted to a smallest operation performed by one of his companions was a razor, but the nature of the wound that was so treated was not known. There was a long break in the hunt thereafter, and it was but a few days ago that he was heard from moving toward the ponit in Eastern Washington where he was run down at last. Tracy's real name, or at least the name of his father, is said to have been Garr. As a boy of twelve years in 1900 he was arrested in Dillon, Mon., where he spent his boyhood, for stealing a keg of beer, and his record ever since had been crim-

arrested in Dillon, Mon., where he spent his boyhood, for strailing a keg of beer, and his record ever since had been criminal. In 157 he appeared in Cache county, Utah, in company with a robber named Dave Lant, and the two together committed many thefts, the burglary of a store in Cache county finally causing the arrest of both and their conviction and sentence to the Utah penitentiary for terms of eight years.

Tracy escaped by taking a revolver away from a guard and marching the guard out of the lines of the prison work before he released him. He next was connected with two notorious bands on young robbers in Colorado. In a fight between officers and the Robbers Roost Gang, headed by George Curry. Tracy and a companion shot and killed a deputy sheriff named Valentine Day, but both were wounded and their capture followed.

They were taken to Aspen, Cal., and placed in iall, but in a few days overpowered the jailor and regained their freedom. That was in June, 1897, and for the next two years Tracy kent out of jail though wanted in several Stares.

Hisconviction to the Salem Penitentiary was obtained in Portland in February of the same year. When he began his sentence of twenty years in Salem Prison he was registered as twenty-five years of ase. Tracy was a powerful man, though of rather slight build.

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RICHMOND'S POPULAR RESORT BEACH PARK, WEST PO'NT, VA. having added one more murder to his list by the killing of Detective Frank Raymond and the wounding of Williams himself.

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## RAPID PROGRESS OF SOUTH BOSTON

## Shown by the Fact That New Streets Across Town Are Necessary to Relieve Congestion

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., Aug. 9.—The sixty-fourth annual session of the Dan River Baptist Association was held at Bethel Church, near Scottsburg, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, of this week with a large crowd in attendance. The session was presided over by the moderator, Rev. W. T. Creath, while Rev. J. M. Luck, of Houston, preached a very able annual sermon. This Association is composed of twenty-two churches in Halifax county, all of which were represented in the body, and there were many visitors from other Associations, among whom were Rev. Dr. Pitt.

C. F. James, of the Roanoke Female College, Danville. In keeping with the rapid progress of the town of South Boston, the Town Council has found it necessary to open new streets across town, running from Main Street east to Broad Street and Council has found it necessary to open new streets across town, running from Main Street east to Broad Street and from Main west to Factory Street, in order to relieve the congestion of traffic on Main Street and the present cross streets. The committee appointed for this purpose has commenced its work and has purchased from Major H. A. Edmondson a strip of land sixty feet in width running through from Main to Broad Street, and one of the new streets will soon be open to the public. This will not only be a great convenience but will remove one or two of the older and unsightly buildings from Main Street.

A delightful dance was given in the public hall at Paces, Thurgday night, in honor of the many young ladles, who are visiting in that section. In addition to those of the neighborhood, there were a number of young people present from South Boston, Houston, Danville and other points.

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Misses Mary and Maria Reynolds, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Watkins, left Friday for Buffalo Springs where they will be the guests of Miss Mary Watkins for two weeks before returning to their home at Hampden Sidney.

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Drs. W. P. Lacy and W. H. Moseley
returned Friday from Old Point, where
they had been in attendance on the State
Dental Association, which has been in
session this week.

Mrs. John W. Riely, after spending
some time with her daughters, Mesdames
Henry H. Edmunds and W. Holt Edmunds, of Houston, left Wednesday for
her home in Richmond.

On Thursday Dr. A. T. Clarke and wife
left for Hot Springs, N. C. for rest and
recuperation. Dr. Clarke having been in
very feeble health during the entire
summer.

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Mrs. R. W. Lawson has a charming house party at her home on Main Street, composed of Misses Merle Goode, Eliza Easley and Lee Easley, of Lynchourg, and Miss Sarah Craddock, of Black Walnut.

The Misses Carrington have as their guest Miss Eugenia Taylor, of Richmond. A very delightful reception took place Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Blair, in honor of their guest, Miss Beulah Jones, of Danville,

their guest, Miss Beulah Jones, of Danville.

Mr. Henry J. Watkins, Jr., now cashier of the First National Bank, who recently returned from the Klondyke after an absence of three years, delivered a most interesting and instructive address in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday cening, in which he gave a graphic account of the conditions and his adventures in the Klondyke, including numerous illustrations in the shape of photographs which he made while there.

Mrs. J. W. Moseley left for Buckroe Beach last Monday, where she will spend several weeks.

Mr. R. M. C. Glenn formerly of South Boston, now manager of the leaf department of the American Cirar Company, in New York, spent the week with his family here.

National Debts of the World.

The eleventh article in the series on the National Debts of the World appears in the July number of the North American Review It is on "The Public Debt of Prussia" and is from the pen of Dr. Adolph Wagner, professor of political economy in Berlin University. Prussia appears to be in a very happy case. Summing up his description of her financial obligations, which were maliney incurred obligations, which were mailney incurred

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in purchasing or constructing railways, Dr. Wagner says:

"Prussia's State debt, including her saare in the Imperial debt, amounted for the year, 1900, to about \$200,000,000 marks, entailing an outlay of about 321,000,000 marks (not reckoning the sinking fund of the Imperial debt). That is to say, it represents about 24t marks of capital and 9.5 marks of annual charges per head of the population, against 31t marks and 12.5 marks in Great Britain, and 629 marks and 21.2 marks in France. But, in these latter countries, both the interest and the repayment of the debt have to come almost entirely out of the pockets of the people; whereas in Prussia, as in the whole of Germany, this is entirely achieved by the surplus from the State railways and other Government property—a surplus so large that it suffices besides to cover nearly half the expenditure for the army and navy, so that only the other half and the charges of the civil administration have to be provided for

## COMING OF MILLENNIUM

## Alleged Pr. phacy of an Infant Near

Warsaw, in Russia. "In one year's time there will be a great war between the world powers, and in three years we will witness the coming of

This startling prophecy, it is declared,

was a short time ago made by a male could only three months old, born in a small village near Warsaw, Russia. Mr S. Berlin, a Seventh Street merchant, re-cently received a letter from his father in Russia, relating the incident. Accord-ing to the letter the mother left the home for a few moments and told her seven-year-old daughter to look after the babe. For some reason the little girl became frightened and began to cry, when, ac-cording to the letter, she was startled to hear the three-months-old baby address her plainly with the words: "Don't cry; mamma will be back soon." This unexpected speech from such a source scared the girl still more, and she ran out of the house in search of her mother, to whom she related the incident. The mother immediately went in to the baby and began questioning him, and finally the boy spoke again and said: "Send for the rabbi."

The rabbi was immediately called and several of the neighbors who had noticed the excited state of affairs about the house also dropped in to ascertain the cause of the commotion. When the rabbi entered the room where sat the prodigy he baby refused to speak until he and the rabbi were left alone, and when the room had been cleared, it is sald, he gave utterance to the prophecy mentioned previously. A few, days after Mr. Berlin received

his letter with the story of the wonder-ful child another gentleman in Washing-ton received a letter from a different party relating the same incident as that told in the first letter. It is said that the prediction has created great con-sternation among the Jews of Russia, as, naturally, it was calculated to do. Several Hebrews told a reporter for The Star that, according to the Torah, the millennium is due in about three or four years and that they seemed much impressed by the reports that have come from Russia. They consider this prophecy as a verification or reminder of the approaching reign of the Jews. The destruction of the Mahometan and anti-Christian kingdoms and the restoration of the seed of Abraham to the favor of God, they say, are all that is necessary to the introduction of the millenium. Washington Star, July 31, 1902.

#### Ping-Pong a Social Song, I'll sing you a song of ping-pong. 1

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That wonderful celestial game,
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